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CONGRESS SHOULD LOOK AT HOME.

The public service commission of Nevada, and in fact, all federal and state regulating commissions throughout the nation, are at present besieged with applications from electric railway, telegraph, telephone, water, gas and electric power companies for increases in rates and charges for service on the ground that the cost of materials, supplies and labor has increased enormously over that of 1914. Some of these utility companies assert that, unless they can secure a compensating increase in charges to the public, bankruptcy faces them.

Figures of the department of labor, put in evidence before the federal electric railway commission at Washington, D. C., August 22, show the burdensome increase in the cost of everyday foodstuffs at the present time, as compared with pre-war prices in 1914 at Washington, D. C.

	1914	1919
Round steak, per lb.	.23	.50
Sirloin steak, per lb.	.26	.60
Pork chops, per lb.	.22	.60
Bacon, per lb.	.28	.60
Butter, per lb.	.36 1/2	.65-70
Eggs, per dozen	.35	.60
Lard, per lb.	.15 1/2	.40
Sugar, per lb.	.05 to .06	.11 to .12
Prunes, per lb.	.10	.35
Potatoes, per peck	.28	.50

There is no good reason why individual and commercial enterprises should not be regulated as to the reasonableness of their charges and practices, in much the same manner as the public service corporations are. Such regulation would stabilize prices and prevent profiteering.

Unless steps are taken to limit the ever-increasing cost of materials and supplies, including the necessities of life, under some plan of effective regulation, further heavy increases in wages and rates, and a higher cost of living, must follow as a consequence.

With such prices obtaining in Washington, which is under the direct administration of congress, the members seeking a reduction of living costs should try the experiment at their doors rather than by sending delegates throughout the west.

COERCING THE SENATE.

President Wilson is obdurate. His obstinacy in clinging to the belief that he is the sole guide of the destinies of this country is deserving of a better cause. Without shaking his convictions Mr. Wilson proceeds his departure with the official declaration that the peace pact must be endorsed without the change of a letter or the country will go to the demerol how-wows. He asserts that the senate must do as he says and not as the members believe is the proper course to follow. He shows no compunction for the robbery of China or the gloat of the wily Japanese, although he professes a desire to save the face of Nippon by not subjecting him to a humiliating retreat before the world. There is no logic or reason about his professions. Nothing more than the power to order. This function has been contracted from his long association with monarchs and he forgets that the United States senate is the treaty-making power without whose sanction there cannot be any pact between nations. After the present journey of the president is finished the chief executive will be in a better position to know the sentiments of the nation. He will find his audience non-receptive to the sophistries of diplomacy and somewhat exacting as to the actual performance of a contract. After touring the Pacific coast, let us hope the president will have a clearer conception of the Japanese character which is the synonym for cunning and duplicity. He will find that a contract written by a Japanese is not considered worth the paper it is written on while the word of a Chinese is taken without any further endorsement. The cold pallid truth is that the Japanese diplomats put one over on the astute Wilson, who has not yet discovered that fact. They dealt from under the table and played the game in their own unscrupulous manner and with the same unprincipled ambition. Naturally wherever the president goes he will be reeted by loud and enthusiastic multitudes whose noise should not be taken for approval of the presidential policies, for it is a trait of the American people that they never fail to show honor for the office which a man holds. As president, Mr. Wilson will be met by citizens who wish to testify to their esteem for the exalted office held by their representative, but that will not carry with it any approval of his administration. The sentiment of the country in that respect will be registered in the fall of 1920.

FARMERS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST.

If President Wilson ever did anything to encourage the "back-to-the-land" movement, we should like to know what it was. He arbitrarily construed the guaranteed price of wheat to be a fixed, maximum price, and then permitted the establishment of regulations which deprived most farmers of even the guaranteed price. Through his director of railroads and his supervisors of war contracts he boosted wages in cities and on railroads to such an extent that farmers were unable to get help. He insisted upon continuance of the daylight-saving law which gives city residents an hour more for pleasure in the evening but deprives farmers of an hour of working time in the morning—dew on the grain preventing work in the early morning. Exemption regulations were construed more liberally in behalf of city industries than for the farmers, with the result that farm help was drawn upon in undue proportion at the same time that farmers were expected to produce increased quantities of food. In the postoffice department it was the rural service that came in for earliest and most continuous destruction. In the department of agriculture, efforts to ascertain and publish facts regarding cost of production of farm crops and farm animals were discouraged and suppressed. In the tariff bill which he helped frame back in 1913, the president kept in mind the consumer and not the producer. Hence we had tariff duties which encouraged importation of grain from Argen-

tina, wood from Australia, potatoes and wheat from Canada, cattle and hides from Mexico and South America, lemons from Italy, and various food products from other countries.

At the present moment we can think of only one notable instance of the Wilson administration doing anything for the farmer—city experts were sent out over the country to teach the farmers' wives how to make cottage cheese.

President Wilson is entitled to all the consolation he can get out of the recollection that it was his man Hoover who gave the first official boost to the high cost of living. It was Hoover who asked the dining car stewards to cut down the quantity of food served, without asking them to cut the price at the same time.

"All that is arbitrary and coercive," declaimed the president, "is in the discard. Those who seek to employ it only prepare their own destruction." How true, and yet the reader may find a different application for the warning than that in the president's mind when he typed the words.

AMUSEMENTS

MANY BIG SCENES IN "THE UNPARDONABLE SIN"

There are "big scenes" without number in "The Unpardonable Sin" which will be shown at the Butler today, but "biggest" in point of interest and suspense, though "smallest" in point of characters involved, is the absorbing scene, which has been attracting the attention of the public in the development of the story, Blanche Sweet, appearing as Dimmy Parrot, an aggressive working girl, in company with Matt Moore as Noll Winsor, an American working with the food commission in Belgium, finds herself entering the military lines and forced to submit to the most careful search of her person for possible hidden documents. Methods used in making these military searches have received sufficient publicity to make the average man familiar with them, and it is pretty generally known that little respect was paid to the feelings of modesty which were natural on the part of women who fell into the tolls of those ordered to make the searches.

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BOXING BOUTS FOR THE FLEET

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—Six boxing bouts for seven championships of the Pacific fleet have been arranged here for tomorrow afternoon. The boxers entered range from heavyweight to bantams.

The bouts follow:
Heavyweight and light-heavyweight—Bob Grant, of the New Mexico, and Johnny Nesson of the New York.

Middleweight—Bob Gartner, of the New York, and Jack Fortney, of a training ship now in San Francisco bay.

Welterweight—Joe Kelly, of the New Mexico, and Sailor Moss, of the Mississippi.

Lightweight—Fred Burrows, of the New Mexico, and Sailor Velez, of the Arkansas.

Featherweight—Johnny Meyers, of the New Mexico, and Steve Connelly, of the Mississippi.

Bantamweight—Tommy Chappelle, of the New Mexico, and George Etzell, of the Arkansas.

Fortney, who will box for middleweight honors, may be temporarily assigned to some ship of the fleet at the time of the bouts.

Burrows, the New Mexico lightweight, won many contests while he was with the fleet in European waters.

Featherweight Connelly is the champion in his class of the American navy. Johnny Meyers, who recently enlisted at Los Angeles, fought a draw with Connelly while the fleet was visiting Santa Barbara.

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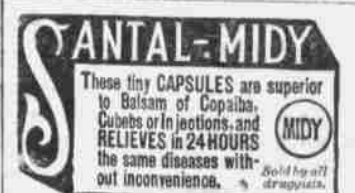
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Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 5th day of September, 1919, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Saturday, the 11th day of October, 1919, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors.

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